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In the matter of the Application of: Isao ICHIMURA, et al.

For: OPTIMIZING A DISTANCE BETWEEN LENSES OF A TWO OBJECTIVE
LENS FOR MINIMIZING WAVEFRONT ABERRATION...

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Applicants: Isao ICHIMURA, et al.
Filing Date: June 11, 1999
For: OPTIMIZING A DISTANCE BETWEEN LENSES OF
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Group Art Unit: 2653
Examiner: Chu, K.K.

SIR:

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Respectfully submitted,

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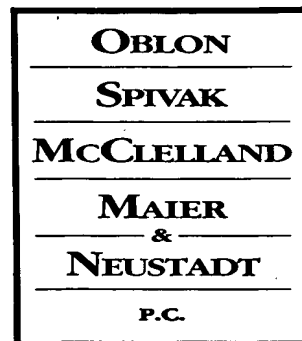
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The Examiner's statement of "REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE" included on pages 3-6 attached to the "Notice of Allowability" (PTOL-37) that is in turn attached to the "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" mailed September 1, 2004, is mistaken in referring to the subject matter of independent Claim 15 as including "an optical pickup means," and as including a "two-group objective lens."

In this respect, Independent Claim 15 recites "an optical pickup," not "an optical pickup means," and a "primary lens" and a "secondary lens," not a "two-group objective lens."

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